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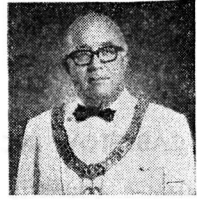
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### *LET US WORK TOGETHER*

*My dear Brethren:*

*Freemasonry has never been static and cannot be so if we expect to fulfill our mission in a changing world.*

*Unless goals are set, there will be stagnation and deterioration in our Lodges; without goals to aim for, our members will drift and fade away from the Fraternity.*

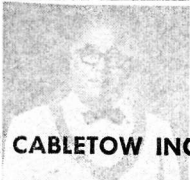
*As I start my work as your Grand Master, I hope you will labor with me so that every Mason in this jurisdiction will become a perfect Ashlar, available as a stone, fit for the Master Builder's use, so that we may build wisely as our forefathers did.*

*Our first goal is to define our problems so that we learn what goals need to be set in order to solve our problems. If we work together — participate — we will succeed!*

*Fraternally,*

*WILLIAM C. COUNCELL  
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## DILEMMA

Increased costs of materials and labor in the publication of The Cabletow during the last two years climaxed at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on April 28, 1972, in a dilemma. To continue our publication on a monthly basis, maintaining its present composition would have required an increase of subscription rates by more than 40%. The alternative would be to hold subscription rates at the same level, but make our issues bi-monthly.

There are many arguments advanced for and against each of the proposals. None seemed adequate to justify a change, since it was equally important to continue our policy of monthly issues as it was not to disturb the current subscription rates.

Obviously there was only one way to pass through the Horns of the Dilemma — reduce the number of pages.

You will find our Cabletow contains only 24 pages. This policy will continue until changes in publication costs permits us to return to our previous policy of 32 pages.

R. E. W.

## A Report

# The 56th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

The 56th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines was held on April 27-29, 1972 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

The Grand Master's Luncheon was held at the Eugene Stafford Hall of the Scottish Rite Temple on April 26. The luncheon was tendered in honor of the Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Junior Grand Lecturers and Grand Lodge Inspectors.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, a Lodge of Remembrance was held at the Plaridel Temple in memory of the late MW Stanton Youngberg, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Floral offering rites were held at the monuments of Bros. Jose P. Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Graciano Lopez-Jaena in the morning of the communication.

A seminar-workshop was held immediately after the floral laying ceremonies.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, RW William C. Councell, Deputy Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of transacting the business of the communication.

After the Grand Lodge was opened, MW Damaso C. Tria, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge was received in due and ancient form. He then took over the gavel and presided over the meeting.

After the amenities of receiving the Masonic dignitaries the communication got down into brass tacks. The business in the agenda was disposed of with dispatch.

The Grand Master then called a recess to enable the brethren to welcome the guest speaker, the Honorable Felix V. Makasiar, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. The brethren were all intent in listening to the inspiring and challenging address of the guest speaker.

On the second day, a Lodge of Instruction was held in the morning. The conferring of the Installed and Past Master's Degree was held just before the resumption of the session of the communication.

Highlighting the second day was the election of the Grand Officers. Elected were: William C. Councell, Grand Master; Ruperto S. Demonterverde, Sr., Deputy Grand Master; John O. Wallace, Senior Grand Warden; Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr., Junior Grand Warden; Damaso C. Tria, Grand Treasurer and Esteban Munarriz, Grand Secretary.

The newly elected Grand Master announced the names of the appointed officers. They are: Apolonio V. Pisig, Assistant Grand Secretary; Eugenio Padua, Grand Chaplain; Joseph W. Pickard, Grand Orator; Albert W. Onstott, Grand Marshal; Juan C. Nabong, Jr. Grand Standard Bearer; Dimas C. Trinidad, Grand Sword Bearer; Oscar L. Uy,

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# The New Grand Master

## William C. Council

By VW HERMOGENES P. OLIVEROS, SGL

Most Worshipful William C. Council, Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines, was born on January 6, 1913 in Easton, Maryland, U.S.A. in whose public schools he obtained his grammar and high school education.

At the University of Baltimore, he obtained his bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Our Grand Master married Margaret L. Protheroe on June 1, 1952. They are not blest with child.

He arrived in the Philippines in September, 1960, and joined the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. (Philippine Mission) as Administrator and Consultant with headquarters at the St. Luke's Hospital compound.

MW William C. Council was raised a Master Mason in 1963 in Manila Lodge No. 1 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1968. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lodge from 1969 to 1971. He is also a member of Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034, Scottish Constitution. For four years now he has been serving as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida near the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

In 1964, he took Scottish Rite Degrees with Manila Bodies, A. & A.S.R.; served as Venerable Master of Mt. Arayat Lodge of Perfection in 1970; Wise Master of Manu Chapter of Rose Croix in 1970;

Commander of Confucius Council of Kadosh in 1970 and Master of Kadosh of Gautama Consistory in 1970. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of said Bodies in 1970-1971 and is Chairman in 1972. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on February 1969, by the Supreme Council, 33°, A. & A.S.R., of the Republic of the Philippines.

Our Grand Master is also a member of Luzon Chapter No. 1, under the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines and served as its High Priest in 1968. He is likewise a member of Oriental Council No. 1, Royal and Select Master and was its Illustrious Master in 1971, and now Senior Warden of Far East Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. He was elected member of Asoka Conclave No. 30, Red Cross of Constantine in 1970.

MW Council is also an active member of Rosario Villaruel Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star and Far East Court No. 1, Order of the Amaranth.

Our new Grand Master has served the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in various capacities, Grand Orator in 1968, elected Junior Grand Warden in 1969, Senior Grand Warden in 1970, Deputy Grand Master in 1971 and in 1972 Grand Master.

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# Grand Lodge Committees

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## Committee on Jurisprudence

1. MW Macario M. Ofilada — Chairman
2. VW Juan C. Nabong, Jr. — Member
3. WB Isaac S. Puno, Jr. — Member

## Committee on Budget and Finance

1. MW Charles Mosebrook — Chairman
2. WB Honesto R. Nuñez — Member
3. WB Felizberto de los Reyes — Member

## Committee on Accounts

1. WB Leon C. Santiago — Chairman
2. WB Alberto Presa — Member
3. WB Gregorio Cariaga — Member

## Committee on Grievances

1. MW William H. Quasha — Chairman
2. WB Raymundo Beltran — Member
3. VW Oscar L. Uy — Member

## Committee on Correspondence

1. VW Eugenio Padua — Chairman
2. WB Domingo F.M. Domingo — Member
3. WB Napoleon T. Arrieta — Member

## Committee on Returns

1. VW Apolonio V. Pisig — Chairman
2. WB Domingo Argente — Member
3. VW Alejandro Eusebio — Member

## Committee on Revision of the Constitution

1. RW Ruperto Demonteverde — Chairman
2. RW John O. Wallace — Member
3. RW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr. — Member
4. VW Juan C. Nabong, Jr. — Member
5. VW Apolonio V. Pisig — Member
6. VW Oscar L. Uy — Member

## Committee on Custodian of the Work

1. VW Hermogenes P. Oliveros — Chairman
2. VW Richard S. Hart — Member
3. VW Teotimo G. Juan — Member
4. WB Agustin F. Miravite — Member
5. VW Alejandro A. Eusebio — Member

## Committee on Buildings and Masonic Temple

1. MW Vicente Y. Orosa — Chairman
2. RW Ruperto S. Demonteverde — Co-Chairman
3. RW John O. Wallace — Member

4. RW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr. — Member
5. WB Benjamin C. Gotamco — Member
6. VW Hermogenes P. Oliveros — Member

## Committee on Administration of Lodges

1. RW Ruperto S. Demonteverde — Chairman
2. RW John O. Wallace — Member
3. RW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr. — Member
4. VW Apolonio V. Pisig — Member

## Committee on Education and Public Service

1. VW Eugenio Padua — Chairman
2. VW Aurelio Corcuerra — Co-Chairman
3. WB Samuel P. Fernandez — Member
4. WB Oscar L. Fung — Member
5. WB Esteban de Ocampo — Member
6. WB Inocencio Rosete — Member
7. WB Estanislao R. Lopez — Member

## Committee on Resolutions

1. WB Domingo F.M. Domingo — Chairman
2. WB Cecilio Bituin — Member
3. WB Ramon Gonzales — Member

## Committee on Necrology

1. WB Jose Estacion — Chairman
2. WB Gregorio T. Samoy — Member
3. WB Leon A. Vidallon — Member

## Committee on Youth

1. RW John O. Wallace — Chairman
2. VW Eugenio Padua — Co-Chairman
3. VW Joseph W. Pickard — Member
4. WB Miguel Iñigo — Member
5. VW Artemio G. Bayas — Member
6. VW Oscar L. Uy — Member
7. Bro. Cenon Cervantes, Jr. — Member

## Sunshine Committee

1. WB Domingo F.M. Domingo — Chairman
2. WB Inocencio Rosete — Member
3. WB Jose B. Perez — Member

## Valuation Committee

1. RW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr. — Chairman
2. WB Lucio R. Ildefonso — Member
3. VW Apolonio V. Pisig — Member

## Charity Fund Committee

1. RW John O. Wallace — Chairman
2. MW Esteban Munarriz — Member
3. RW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr. — Member

# INAUGURAL ADDRESS

*Most Worshipful Brother Tria, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, distinguished Brethren, Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen.*

First, on behalf of the newly installed Grand Lodge Officers, may I extend our appreciation to Most Worshipful Brother Damaso C. Tria and Most Worshipful Brother Cennon S. Cervantes for this very impressive Installation Ceremony. And again on their behalf, may I pledge that as a team, to the best of our ability, we will collectively uphold the principles of Freemasonry and strive toward spreading the spirit of Masonry throughout this jurisdiction.

We belong to an age in which the experience of one speedily becomes the heritage, whether pain or joy, of all. When one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it, and when one member is honored all the members rejoice with it.

I hope you will remember these two lines throughout the year when you think of the Grand Lodge under my leadership — I pray that all will rejoice.

This is a great moment in my life to be elected and installed as your Grand Master, and my acceptance is made with deepest humility and sincere appreciation for the high honor you have bestowed upon me. Although this is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon one by Master Masons, I cannot properly say that it is the greatest moment in my life, since that moment, the greatest moment, was the night I was raised a Master Mason. That was the turning

point in my life, and if I had not taken that action, the great and challenging honor you have bestowed upon me this evening could never have occurred.

And, indeed, the honor carries with it a tremendous challenge! The great humility which I feel at this moment, and the humbleness with which I accept this post are caused, in great part, by the respect and awe I have for the challenge you have set before me and before the other newly installed Grand Lodge officers. The challenge must be met, and to meet it successfully, we must set fresh goals within a long range plan for the next five years, goals that are high and difficult to achieve, but goals which, for the sake of Masonry, we must attain.

At this point I must say a word about my team, the Grand Lodge Officers that I have appointed. I chose these particular brethren as a whole for their youth and, individually, for their particular talents — and above all I expect this to be an active Team.

In Second Corinthians 13:9 St. Paul writes: "We rejoice when we are weak and ye are strong; this we also pray for, even your perfecting." These words convey precisely the thought I had in mind when I appointed the Grand Lodge officers and I hope will continue in mind throughout the year — to choose the right men and then to place them where they can best express themselves. I can assure you that being a Grand Lodge appointed Officer is

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not a honorary title but a working team, progressing up the ladder of Grand Lodge Masonry.

Our twenty-nine District Deputy Grand Masters are the working force of the Grand Lodge. Their services are invaluable and essential. Each Grand Master must count on his Deputies to use their best judgment and discretion on each problem as it arises. The Grand Master's Office stand ready to assist whenever necessary, as does that of the Grand Secretary. It is hoped and desirable, however, that the problems brought before the District Deputies will be adequately and satisfactorily disposed of at District level. A faithful, efficient and conscientious performance of duty is not only expected but required.

#### STATE OF MASONRY

What have we done in the last five years to improve Masonry in this jurisdiction?

"Many Grand Masters have pointed out in their messages that Freemasonry is a highly selective organization. However, when the pressure of membership presses upon a Lodge, there is evidence that Lodges have lowered their particular standards for qualification and we have found a number of cases where the selection of Candidates has not worked to the best interest of the Craft.

"In quite a number of cases, we have been told that many of our Brethren cannot afford to pay their dues and are unable to assist in the Masonic Charity that is expected of us. These seem to have come from Lodges having accepted Candidates who are in need of charity instead of Candidates who are in the position of giving charity to others. It is, of course, harsh to hear the shocking words of reality, but it is true that a man to be selected to receive the degree of Masonry must not only be a good and true man, but

he must come into Masonry with the capacity to build, to construct, and this implies that he will be able to contribute to the aid of others, not to seek aid himself.

"Perhaps we have too many Lodges in some places, like Manila, and not enough or none in areas where we need Masonry to get its roots started. The opening of new Lodges must be based on the need for the new Lodge, not on the desire of a handful of Brethren who want a new lodge for their personal convenience or so they can be elected to office. This has happened so often it has become a serious problem in some cases where, because of the overlapping of Lodge jurisdictions, some Lodges cannot produce a sufficient number of members at stated meetings to meet the requirements of a quorum. Others have a little funds, they cannot pay their obligations regularly to the Grand Lodge. In such cases, rather than risk the possibility of having their Charters arrested, Lodges should voluntarily join with other Lodges in a merger for the greater benefit of the Craft.

"Early this year, a Past Grand Master asked me why Masonry is not the same today in the Philippines as it was thirty-five years ago. I told him that although the changes in Masonry varied throughout the world, our present Masonry is suffering from the need for strong Masonic leadership that will strip hypocrisy from our order, leadership that does not hide itself from the world or from critics within its folds; leadership that will command respect and project the image of the true Mason who has graced the ages with his dignity. When we can again have great men in Masonry, we can have great Masons among men.

"How are you going to make the

good Masons and good Lodges better? By more and more, and more Masonic education, by patience and dedication, by sincerity of purpose in all our motivations, by *long range planning* and selection of ATTAINABLE OBJECTIVES. Once we get our Masonry in motion, we must keep it moving in the right direction. What we start today cannot be finished in a week, a month, a year. Effective Masonic leadership must keep it going until the objective has been reached."

This, then, is a Grand Master's diagnosis of the State of the Craft in 1966. Today, five years later, is the State of the Craft not the same? You be the judge.

We, all of us, must answer a searching question — Is Masonry today a vital force or a dying institution?

What are the symptoms of a dying organization? An organization is already dead spiritually when it exists merely to perpetuate itself. Are we securing new members only to enjoy a repetition of the ritual? Are we interested only in numerical growth?

An organization is far from vital when it is having attendance problems. Either it has no clear objective, or it makes no claim on the loyalty and devotion of its members.

*Real vitality is to be found, however, in the more vigorous mass movements or in the forces that control men's lives today. Consciously or unconsciously, they have stumbled onto a great truth about human nature. Much as man may talk about the fact that he wants to be let alone, or wants to be alone, what he really wants is to be possessed by something. He responds to that which presses on him a claim. In the Masonic world, we have been trying to make membership easier and more pleasant for constituents; but*

communism is dominating the world simply by pressing a total claim.

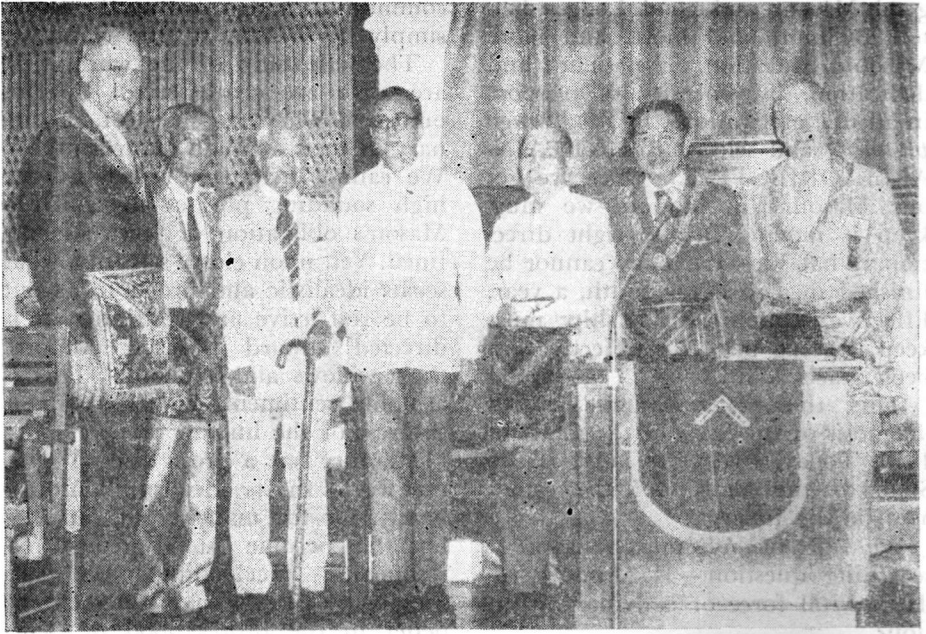
The fellowship of the world that are alive are characterized by this outreach. They are in short, missionary in their attitude towards others. We cannot help but remember the high sounding phrases in which a Mason's obligation of service is defined. Yet, upon closer scrutiny, what seems idealistic and broad turns out to be restrictive and confining. It is directed toward "Master Masons, their widows and orphans." This is a noble sentiment, but what about the rest of the human race?

Masonry has a great deal to offer the world in its idealism. Unfortunately, for too many of us, our "labor" has become listening; our "refreshment", freeloading. We are smugly pleased by our statement of belief in the brotherhood of man; but, too often, what is so beautifully phrased in ritual never becomes even a brotherhood of brothers.

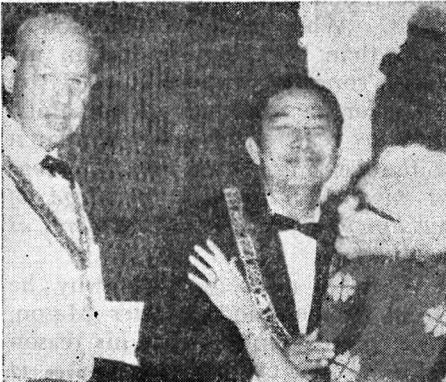
When the wise man is wise enough to turn to the research of centuries of men searching for God, even as he turns to research in other fields of knowledge, he finds that those with a genuine and deep-seated motivation for brotherhood have tapped a power that springs from the conviction that at the heart of the universe is purpose, power and love. These are the men who have made history and have themselves outlasted it. When I know that God is more than "G", the He has an unselfish concern, purpose (love if you will) for me, and for all humanity, then my reaction is too great that it spills over into other lives. *I accept as my obligation the privilege of teaching all for whom God cares as brothers.*

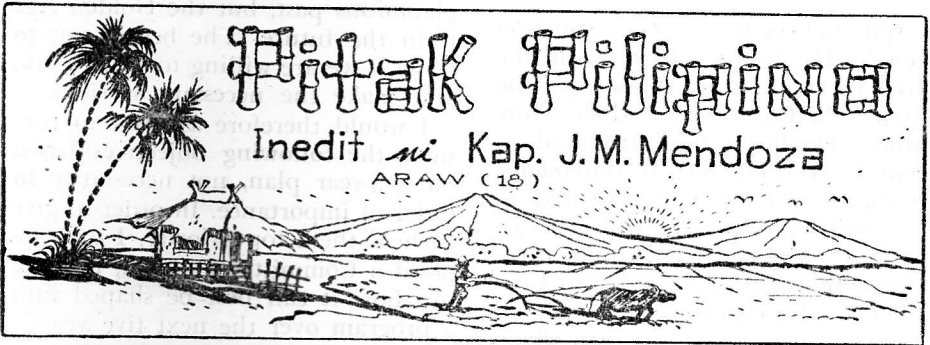
When a man is asked why he wishes to become a Master Mason, his expected reply is that his reason

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## KASANAYAN

Ni AGUSTIN GALANG, N.G.

Minsan-minsan ay makatatagpo tayo ng pagsusuring-basa ng aklat (book-review), na maikli, tuwiran at makahulugang pagpapahalaga sa tauhan (character). Sa bisa ng kaiklian ay nakapupukaw ng sunod-sunod na mga pagkukuro-kuro. Kamakailan ay nabasa ko ito: "Siya ay nagtataglay ng likas na talino, na siyang tumutulong sa pagpapatatag ng kanyang pagpapasiya at naghihimaton na pabayaan na mga maliliit at walang halaga, siya ay sanay na sanay na.

Mangyari pa, ang wikang "sanay" ay naglarawan sa akin ng mahalang bagay na pang-Mason. Ang mga Manggagawang Mason ay tinutukoy na mga Sanay (craftmen). Dahil sa kinagawian na, pati ang mga Mason espekulatiba ay tinatawag na ring SANAY.

Inaakala na makatotohanan at praktikal ang aral na makukuha kung bigyan ng pansin at siyasatin ang katotohanang ito. Maari kaya? Una, tingnan natin kung ano ang kasanayan, ano ang kanyang hinihingi, at kung ano ang magagawa niya para sa ating pangkaraniwang hakbang sa buhay. Ang kasanayan ay isang sistema ng edukasyon sa paggawa, pagsisikap na magkaroon ng

ugnayan o koordinasyon ang isip at mga kamay, upang maisagawa ng buong kaganapan ang disenyo na nilikha ng makasining na isipan. Iyan ang pinakatampok ng pagtatamo ng *di-pangkaraniwang kasanayan* (special skills). Sa pamamagitan ng patuluyang paggamit at maingat na paghahasa, ito ay magiging katutubong gawi at likas na damdamin, isang tanging katangian ng tinaguriang KASANAYAN.

Ang isang nagnanais na maging taga-pagtayo ng gusali ay maaring mag-angkin ng likas na talino at pagkakagusto sa propesyon ngunit ang matiyagang pag-aaral, pananaliksik at pagsasanay sa pagsasagawa ng mahabang panahon mararating ang tugatog ng KASANAYAN. Kaparis din nito, ang mga artista sa iba't ibang larangan ng arte ay kailangan ang laging paghahanap sa nawawala, ang mga makabagong disenyo at ang madulas na kasanayan sa kanyang linya ng trabaho at mga kalinangan sa daigdig. Sa mga nati-pong karanasan mailalagay niya ang mga bagay-bagay sa dapat nilang kalagyan. At sa patuloy na paggamit sa kabihasan ay matatagpuan niya

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is spiritual benefits, some spiritual growth. He is directed towards the three great lights of Masonry — the Square, the Compasses, and the Holy Bible. Having been introduced to them by certain formal statements, he therefore sees them relegated to the position of Symbols in the ritual; yet, the reality behind these very symbols, incorporated into Life, might be the means of transforming Masonry into one of the most dynamic forces for good the world has ever seen.

The Square, the Compasses, and the Holy Bible! These three great lights are but the reflection of the Greatest Light in the East. Do they really cast light on the trestleboard of Speculative Masonry? As Custodians of the truth, we need to foster a great sense of responsibility to let that Light shine through our work, through our fellowship, through the reality of our lives. Masonry can stand as a bastion against the forces of atheism which would destroy our values, our way of life and our humanity. Or we may cling to tradition and platitudes and confine ourselves to important ritual and be discarded in the ruins of a once glamorous way of life.

God has given us our choice — the decision should be put on the trestleboard. Craftsman, there is work to be done. The Great Architect of the universe calls us from refreshment to labor.

It is the opinion of your Grand Master that in order to *revitalize* Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, we need a long range plan or program. For so many years now, we have hobbled along year after year with no long range objective or program in sight.

Someone has said, "The Golden Age is not in the past or present,

but in the future." Masonry has a glamorous past, but the Golden Age is in the future. The best is yet to come if we are willing to plan, work, and make the necessary sacrifice.

I would therefore ask you to consider the following objectives based on a 5-year plan, not necessarily in order of importance. In order to give each of them top priority, I will appoint a Committee for each, to work out how it can best be shaped into a program over the next five years.

#### 1. YOUTH

The tomorrow belongs, essentially, to the youth of today. It is with the future we have to deal. It is my opinion that if Masonry is to remain alive, we need to look to the future with a strong youth program — we need to set objectives for a five-year long range program. To this program, I will give top priority and pledge you my support. I hereby appoint the Senior Grand Warden as Chairman of this Committee.

#### 2. DECEMBER 19, 1972 (60th YEAR ANNIVERSARY)

The Republic of the Philippines observes a "National Heroes Day." The Masons of the Philippines could well observe December 19th of each year as "Philippine Masonry Day" to honor the pioneering Freemasons who assembled on that historic day, December 19, 1912, and opened in due form our Grand Lodge for the first time. A Grand Lodge that is recognized by every regular Grand Lodge in the world. Recognized not only in a diplomatic sense but acknowledged as one of the most progressive.

The Freemasons of the Philippines today are enjoying the results of the labors, the wisdom, and the well-planned concepts of sixty years ago. All honor to those pioneering Freemasons led by Brothers Quezon, Taylor and Stafford who labored so

well that we who come after might enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Our pioneers of Freemasonry taught us the real meaning of St. Paul's address at Mars Hill: "God made of one blood all nations of men."

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of this Grand Lodge, I will call a special communication on December 19, 1972. Upon motion of M.W. Mauro Baradi, it was agreed at the 54th Annual Communication that the 60th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines be adequately observed.

I believe that Most Worshipful Brother Baradi has already been made Chairman of this Committee, so I need not reappoint him. I know he will do a good job.

I therefore commend to you December 12, 1972 as "Philippine Masonry Day" and strongly recommend that we give due observance to this day each year hereafter.

### 3. NEW GRAND LODGE

#### TEMPLE

Many Masons in this jurisdiction have expressed the opinion that it would greatly enhance our image if we were to build an edifice worthy of our trademark as Masons.

I have in mind a modest Temple within our means to build, perhaps in the suburbs of Greater Manila. It could be partly financed by selling the present property. This could be a part of the Five-year Plan. As Chairman of this Committee, I plan to appoint M.W. Brother Edgar Shepley.

### 4. REGIONAL GRAND LODGE SYSTEM

It was approved by the 51st Annual Communication that the Regional Grand Lodge System be adopted and I quote:

"Although there are many splendid Masonic minds who feel this is premature because of cost involved in

financing the Regional Grand Lodge activities, it is my sincere belief that this system is essential to the propagation of our Craft in the Far East, and especially important for immediate implementation within the Philippines, if a way can be found to develop funds necessary for the operation of the Regional Grand Lodge."

I firmly believe there is nothing like decentralization to strengthen any organization at its foundation and if any group of Districts can demonstrate their ability to maintain such a Regional Grand Lodge satisfactorily, they should be given the opportunity.

This also should be part of our Five-year Plan. It has already been approved; therefore, it is worthy of merit and needs to be studied further. Even today, many districts are combining with other districts to have Regional Conventions. I would also ask this Committee to study the combining of Lodges for greater strength, especially in Masonic District No. 1. As Most Worshipful Brother Wilmarth was the original author of the Regional Grand Lodge System, I will ask him to be Chairman of this Committee.

### 5. MASONIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

It is my hope that every Lodge in this Jurisdiction will have an outstanding Masonic Educational Program. This is essential for progress. This is also within the scope of our long range planning and could, perhaps, be the key to our whole program.

As Chairman of this Committee, we need a strong, well informed dedicated Mason. I therefore look to the Deputy Grand Master as Chairman of this Committee.

### 6. PUBLIC RELATIONS ARM

I think that it is essential, in order

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to coordinate the program, to have a strong Public Relations Arm for this jurisdiction. We must draw aside the curtain, uncover the windows of our Lodge, and open our doors so that the beneficent light of Charity can shine forth in all the world without respects to race, color, creed or Masonic Membership. As Chairman of this important Committee, I will appoint Brother Artemio G. Bayas as Chairman and as Co-chairman Brother Juan R. Pia, Jr.

#### 7. ENDOWMENT FUND (P500,000.00)

Every Grand Lodge in the world, with the possible exception of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, has a substantial Endowment Fund built up over the years by concerned and dedicated Brethren.

If by chance we decide to develop a five-year plan and program, we will need funds to program our plan. For many years now, we have tried to carry the work of Masonry in this jurisdiction from hand to mouth, despite the herculean efforts of all our Past Grand Masters who have beat their brains out in order to find ways and means to finance our work — but unfortunately our brethren have never supported their efforts. I, therefore, think it is time we be more realistic and try to support a strong Masonic program with something beyond *lip service*.

If I may be allowed to make a comparison, the Episcopal Church in this country, for over 70 years, never tried to raise Capital Funds locally; the so-called wise men said "it could not be done." To prove how wrong you can be, two years ago we developed a five-year Capital Fund Drive. To date, two years later, we have received pledges of over P300,000.00 with three years yet to go.

I propose that we lay the ground work for a P500,000.00 Capital Fund

Campaign by a Pledge System payable in a five-year period. To Chair this most important Committee, we will need a talented Mason with exceptional abilities. It, therefore, is my privilege to ask Most Worshipful Brother Bill Quasha to Chair this important Committee.

#### 8. PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Many Brethren that I have talked to recently relative to a strong Masonic program for this jurisdiction have expressed the opinion that we will need a full time Program Director or Administrator to supervise the day by day operation of our Program. This cannot be the duty of the Grand Master because it requires constant supervision, special talent and experience.

I am fully aware that many of you sitting here tonight will possibly think that I am out of my mind to suggest such a position, but nevertheless, many Grand Lodges throughout the world need and have such a position on their Staff and these Grand Lodges are among the most progressive and active in the world. This, of course, needs study — specially ways and means of financing such a position. I hope many of you will see the wisdom of a move in this direction. I will look to all Chairmen of the above Committees to form their own committees as soon as possible and pick the best available men to compose the Committee. I would like to meet with the Committees from time to time to keep abreast of their progress.

I sincerely hope this will be the start of a progressive long range plan to improve the image of Masonry in the Philippines over the coming years.

Finally, as I start my work as Grand Master, I hope each of you will labor with me, using the common gavel as we are taught, so that

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ang katahimikan ng isip, katatagan ng kalooban at kaligayan.

Kung ang mga naunang pagmumuni at pagpapalagay ay pangkalahatan sa ating mga Kasamahang Mason (FC) o ang mga ito ay nag-aangkin ng tanging halaga ay sapagkat iyon ay tumutugon sa katulad na pamumuhay nating mga Mason.

Ang isang kandidato sa Masoner-ya ay lumuluhod sa altar, tumatanggap ng instruksyon, nangangako, sasanayin sa Arte, at matapos ay sinusubukan ang kasanayan. Ang aralan, bago matamo ang titulo ng "Craftsman" ay kailangan ang magdaan sa mahigpit na disiplina na ipapataw sa kanya na pang-isipan at pang-katawan. Dapat siyang magtrabaho ng walang tutol sa hinabaha ng oras hindi lamang isasaulo kundi dapat din maunawaan ang mga araling kinakailangan sa kanyang pagsusulit. Subalit kung sa wakas siya ay makapasa sa lahat ng mga pagsusubok, ang ibubunga ay tiyak na kasiyahang panghabang panahon. Ang katunayan ng mga liksyong iyan ng Masoner-ya ay kapaki-pakinabang. Ito ang mag-aakay sa kanya na ituon niya ang espesyalidad sa mga bagay na ikasusulong ng lipunan.

Kung sa bagay ang panghahawak sa ganitong mabubuting simulain ay hindi mamamantinihan sa lahat ng panahon. Ang Lohya ay magsasara, ang taga-pagtanggol ng espada ay ikakaluban. Dumadating ang umaga, kaalabay ang pang-araw araw na mga suliranin na kung minsan ay dumadagsa. Paano kayang magriaksiyon ang bagong Kapatid sa mga ito?

Masasabi kaya natin na ang kan-

yang karanasan sa pinid na pinto ng Lohya sa loob ng isang gabi ay magaganap ang ninanais na pagbabago? Hinding-hindi!

Ang buhay ay ipinahihiwatig na gaya ng paglaki at pagkati ng tubig. Bago matamo ang kapayapaan ay kailangan ang isang mahabang pamamaraan. Ngunit nakasisiguro tayo na dahil sa ating tinamong kasanyan ay maiwasan natin ang pag-aaksaya ng panahon, sampu ng naka-iigting na pagkakataon. Magagampanan natin ang mga gawaing ipinagkatiwala sa atin ng buong katapatan at kawastuhan.

Kung kayo ay sang-ayon dito, masusi nating ipagpatuloy ang pagsusuri hanggang sa dakong loob ng ating "Sanctum Sanctorum." Ang Lohya ay binubuo ng mga pangkaraniwang tao at kumikilos na gaya ng pangkaraniwang tao. Samakatuwid ang lahat ng ating ginagawa sa ilalim ng kapangyarihan ng titik na "G" ay hindi ganap (imperfect). May mga sandali na ipinahahalata nating ang ating pagka-makasarili, pagmamalabis walang mabuti kundi tayo. Maaari na ang ilan ay binibigyan ng labis na pribilehyo, may naghaharing pulutong (clique). Kung ang pangasiwaan ay kulang sa takto at babayaang lumala ang kalagayan, ito ang ugat ng kamuhian, disensyon at panlalamig ng tahimik na nakararami. Di kaya tama na kaiingat tayo sa pagpili ng mga taong uugit sa ating Pamahalaan? Hindi rin naman tama na ang isang Samahan ay magkaroon ng mga miyembro na puro walang kapintasan.

Ano ngayon ang ating riaksiyon sa mga isiniwalat na mga pangyayari? Dapat alamin na ang ating paninindigan ay mahalaga para sa

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Grand Bible Bearer; Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer; Artemio G. Bayas, Senior Grand Deacon; Isaac S. Puno, Sr., Junior Grand Deacon; Ramon C. Espino, Senior Grand Steward; Alberto dela Cruz, Junior Grand Steward; Tiburcio C. Baja, Grand Pursuivant; Angel S. Montes, Grand Organist and Amor Fonacier, Grand Tyler.

The newly-appointed members of the Board for General Purposes are: Charles Mosebrook, PGM, President; Cenon S. Cervantes, PGM, Raymond E. Wilmarth, PGM, Edgar L. Shepley, PGM, Damaso C. Tria, PGM, Members and Ruperto S. Demonteverde, Sr., DGM, Secretary.

Appointed District Deputies Grand Master are: RW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr. (1); Leon A. Bañez (2); Sotero A. Torralba (3); Pablo L. Edrozo (4); Marcelino T. Viduya (5); Doroteo Josen (6); James N. Annas (7); Desiderio Hebron (8); Bienvenido R. Burgos (9); Angel O. Daño (10); Ricardo C. Buenafe (11); Luis E. Makayan (12); Vicente N. Ongtenco (13); Valerio V. Rovira (14); Santiago L. Chua (15); Lim Kaychun (16); Felix Caburian (17); Carlos Iñigo (18); Indasan A. Napii (19); Paul C. Hall (20); Kenneth M. Crabtree (21); William G. Kunkle (22); Juanito U. Fernandez (23); Clemente M. Nava (24); Aniceto B. Belisario (25); Guinaid M. Guiani (26); Athol B. Shuster (27); Benjamin Garcia-Ascue (28); and Eduardo Pascual (29).

The new Junior Grand Lecturers are: Alejandrino A. Eusebio (1); Agustin Balisi (2); Antonio P. Perez (3); Catalino D. Garduque (4); Pedro L. Fajardo (5); Pantas V. Macapagal (6); Basilio Castro (7); Benjamin P. de Guzman (8); Mario F. Racela (9); Fernando G. Me-

dina (10); Amado Mabul (11); Severo Oliveros (12); Dalmacio B. Barce (13); Mario R. Hidalgo (14); Vicente M. Macabidang (15); Eliezer La. Casul (16); Juan Causing (17); Lorenzo E. Cruz (18); Vicente R. Macute (19); Herman F. Cruz (20); Chester S. Deptula (22); Pacifico R. de Jesus (23); Mariano G. Garantoza (24); Jose M. Lagahit (25); Buenaventura Sabulao (26); Teodoro Alcantara (28); and Policronio Blanco (29).

The Grand Master also appointed two Regional Grand Lodge Officers. They are: William P. Schwager, Regional Grand Master; and Wallace H. Morris, PRGM, Regional Grand Secretary. The other officers of the Regional Grand Lodge will be elected by the members of the Regional Grand Lodge.

Climaxing the communication is the Installation of the new Grand Officers in the evening of the third day of the meet.

MW Damaso C. Tria, out-going Grand Master and Grand Treasurer-elect installed the officers. MW Raymond E. Wilmarth installed the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. MW Cenon S. Cervantes, out-going Grand Treasurer was the Master of Ceremonies.

MW Edgar L. Shepley presented the Past Grand Master's Jewel to MW Damaso C. Tria. Sis. Paz Tria was on hand to pin the jewel on the lapel of the out-going Grand Master.

MW William H. Quasha presented the Grand Master's Cup to the officers and members of Maranaw Lodge No. 111. The Lodge was awarded the cup as the Most Outstanding Lodge of the year. The award was based on the different civic and community projects being undertaken by the Lodge.

# Wisdom of the Ages

## A MARTYRED FILIPINO MASON'S LITTLE LIGHT

"I have perceived a little light," the Philippines' national hero Jose P. Rizal (1861-1896) said, "and I believe it is my duty to show it to my countrymen."

Rizal was 31 when in 1892 the Spanish government exiled him to Dapitan, a small town on the big island of Mindanao. Four years later, he was executed in Manila. His martyrdom has kept him and his works ever alive in the hearts and minds of the Filipino people who adore him as the pride of their race.

Although in exile Rizal kept himself continually busy. The "little light" that he said he perceived he showed by examples of useful activity—educating the people and teaching them the gospel of work and more work and still more work in order to create their own economic well being.

He applied to practical use what he must have learned from CALVINISM, to which he had been exposed in Europe—a religion that glorifies business, industry and economic success dedicated to the greater honor of God. John Calvin's exultation of diligent labor or incessant work is not only a means of avoiding temptation but of achieving prosperity and pleasing God.

Rizal opened a school in Dapitan to teach the people Spanish and English and he prepared an English-Tagalog dictionary. This was about seven years before the American conquest of the country or before

anybody else had ever thought that the Americans might come to the Philippines in 1901.

He utilized his students, in consideration of his teaching them free, to take care of his chickens, pigs, ducks, rabbits and turkeys, to plant vegetables, and to dry fish.

He acquired agricultural land where he planted cacao, coffee and other fruit trees. He taught the people a better way of catching fish . . . He built a lime kiln and manufactured bricks . . . He built a copra dryer . . . And he built a loom for weaving cloth.

He built a house, a chicken coop, a banca . . . He became an abaca merchant and organized a cooperative so that abaca producers could sell their products at higher prices. . . And he taught the people to work together.

He built a big relief map of Mindanao in the plaza which still exists and he installed a lighting system for the plaza using coconut oil lamps . . . He also built a dam, with the assistance of his young pupils, to provide the town with a good supply of water.

He wrote poems, letters and notes and kept in regular correspondence with his friend Dr. Blumentritt in Austria, sending to the latter specimens of insects, etc. He carved many things out of wood, clay and bones. And, on top of all, he found time to continue practising medicine.

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# GRAVEL AND SAND

## *A Report on Masonic Activities*

### **BAGONG BUHAY LODGE NO. 17 HONORS OUTSTANDING BRETHREN**

Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, tendered a testimonial dinner to honor ten outstanding members on March 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pagoda Kitchen in Cavite City.

Honored were: WB Angel Rica Alvarez, Municipal Judge of Tanza, Cavite; WB Julian C. Medina, Jr. Councillor, Cavite city; WB Jose B. Legaspi, Ex-Councillor, Cavite City; Bro. Magno M. Garcia, Assistant Provincial Auditor of Laguna, Bro. Eduardo de Guzman, Mayor, Cavite city; Bro. Ramon G. Plata, Vice-President and General Manager of Cavite Development Bank, Cavite City; Bro. Oscar S. Ramirez, Chapter Administrator, PNRC, Province and Cities; Bro. Rolando A. Reyes, City Assessor, Cavite City; Bro. Oviño de la Rosa, Vice-Mayor, Cavite City; and Bro. Jose D. San Agustin, Secretary, Municipal Board, Cavite City.

Bro. Alberto B. Ramento, Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church, Cavite Province, delivered the invocation.

WB Cecilio S. Villanueva gave the opening remarks.

WB Arturo R. Llenado, Master of the Lodge gave the closing remarks.

WB Amado C. Santos was the Master of Ceremonies.

*The makings of a Masonic City?*

### **REGIONAL GRAND OFFICERS**

The new officers of the Regional Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the Ryuku Islands are: William P. Schwager, Regional Grand Master; Ernest L. Albert, Regional Deputy Grand Master; Frank Pontillo, Regional Senior Grand Warden; George L. Mar, Regional Junior Grand Warden; Kenneth A. Rotness, PRGM, Regional Grand Treasurer; Wallace H. Morris, PRGM, Regional Grand Secretary;

Ivan A. Miller, Regional Grand Chaplain; Iwao Kawahara, Regional Grand Orator; Shoichi Shibuya, Regional Grand Marshal; Murray V. Harlan, Jr., PRGM, Regional Grand Lecturer; John J. Williams, Regional Senior Grand Deacon; Isao Matsuda, Regional Junior Grand Deacon; Fred Williams, Regional Senior Grand Steward; Terayuki Ikeda, Regional Junior Grand Steward and Moises Capule, Regional Grand Tyler.

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### **COUNCELL...**

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every Mason in this jurisdiction will become a perfect Ashlar, available as a stone fit for the Master Builder's use. Let the Light of the past shine upon us as a guide to our foot-steps in the future that we may build wisely, as our forefathers did, so that the coming generation will say:

"These are the stones which our fathers have placed for us and the edifice they built is magnificent."

Thank you, and Good Evening.

# ON MASONIC EDUCATION

171. *There are differences in the Masonry practiced in different countries, sometimes even in parts of the same country. What makes it into one closely knit institution?*

In spite of the differences in the Masonry as practiced in different countries, the legend of the Master Builder and the allegory of the Lost word must be a part of the system, or it will be a mere fraternal organization with modes of recognition.

172. *How does Freemasonry hope to improve the community?*

Freemasonry hopes to improve the community indirectly by the improvement and the strengthening the character of the individual man.

173. *In what way is Freemasonry ecumenical, that is, universal?*

Freemasonry is ecumenical in that it is based on the broad principles upon which men of every country, race, color, creed, and opinion can unite.

174. *In Freemasonry what is an obligation?*

The word obligation is derived from the Latin *obligare*, which meant originally to tie around (*ob*, towards + *ligare*, to bind). The obligation in Freemasonry refers to the solemn agreements made by the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason at the time of their reception. An obligation is to be distinguished from an oath; the former being the substance of the promise or covenant, the latter being the expression, "so help me God."

175. *What does the expression "under the obedience of the Grand Lodge" mean?*

A Masonic Lodge is under the "obedience of the Grand Lodge" which granted it a charter or warrant to work within the territory over which it has exclusive jurisdiction. It is merely another way of saying "under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge."

176. *Can a Mason who is already a member of two Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines sign the petition for dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge?*

Yes, but as soon as the new Lodge receives a charter he must decide to which two Lodges he wishes to belong. He has to demit from one of the three.

177. *To what does the expression "arts, parts, or points of... Freemasonry" refer?*

"Arts means the knowledge, or things made known, parts the degrees into which Masonry is divided, and points the rules and usages." (Mackey, An Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry, vol. I (1919) p. 80.)

178. *Where should the accent or stress on the word govern?*

The accent is on the first syllable, thus *guv'ern*.

179. *What numbers has Freemasonry adopted from ancient numerology?*

Freemasonry has adopted the add numbers 3, 5, 7 (as 3 + 4), and 9 (as 3 x 3).

All these, Jose Rizal, the Filipino Freemason and non-military man, did in Dapitan in the four years of his exile—not to mention the many other things he had done before elsewhere, especially his writings which have since become the civic Bible of the Filipino people who glorify his thirty-five years on earth in ever growing luster as the value of his examples and of his words of wisdom becomes better known.



## OLIVEROS . . .

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He was the General Manager of the Weaver Wintack Rubber Company in Shamokin, Pennsylvania from 1948 to 1959.

In 1937 to 1948, he worked in the Accounting Department of the Bethlehem Steel Company in Sparrow's Point, Maryland.

He became the Executive Assistant to the Bishop of the Episcopal Church in 1960 and is presently the consultant to the same.

He was the Editor of the Philippine Ecumenical Review (NCCP) in 1967 and 1968 and of the Philippine Chronicle (Episcopal Church) in 1960 to 1971.

MW Bro. Bill Councill was also the vice-chairman of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines in 1970-1971. He served as Executive Director of the Mass Media Commissions of the NCCA in 1963-1965 and Chairman of the Board of the same in 1969 to 1970.

He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Cabletow, Incorporated and the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Incorporated.

He is also a member of the Elk's and the Army and Navy Club of Manila.

ating sarili na kasapi sa Fraternidad at sa mga bagong Kapatid na lubos umaasa sa ating patnubay at mabubuting payo.

Tamang-tama at wasto na masubukan ang bisa ng pagkakasanay sa atin sa larangan ng ating Sining. Ikinintal sa ating puso at diwa ng Masonerya ang "Pag-Ama ng Diyos at ang Pagkakapatid ng lahat ng tao", at ang kanyang pinadakila ay ang katangian ng Karidad na taglay ang lahat niyang kagitingan. Ang banal nating simulaing ito ay panuntunan din ni San Paulo na ang buhay ay puno ng pag-ibig sa kapuwa kaya binasbasan siya ng maraming biyaya mula sa Mapagpalang Ama.

Sa ganyan liliwanag ang ating isipan at ipagpaumanhin ang mga pangkaraniwang kamalian at ipapako natin ang paningin sa Kalawakan, kung saan ang lahat ng tanawin ay kaaya-aya. Ito ang maghahandog sa atin ng sigla upang ituwid natin ang ating sarili at dakilain ang Kawang-gawa ng Masonerya, pakigihin ang pagkakabuklod-buklod ng mga SANAY, upang maging hwaran sa Makataong Pagpapalagayan (Human Relations). △

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## TO ALL MEMBERS:

Notice is hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, Inc. will be held at Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1440 San Marcelino, Manila, on July 17, 1972, at 5:30 in the afternoon for the purpose of

1. Election of Directors and
2. Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

(Sgd.) L. O. SANTIAGO, M.D.  
Secretary

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

District

- No. 1 — **Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr.**
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